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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

NELSON, N. H.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

FEBRUARY 15, 1904.

KEENE, N. H.
SENTINEL PRINTING COMPANY, PRINTERS.
1904.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

The selectmen would respectfully submit the following report of the financial affairs of the town of Nelson, for the year ending February 15, 1904:

VALUATION OF THE TOWN, APRIL 1, 1903.

Resident valuation,	$77,818 00
Non-resident valuation,	60,104 00
	$137,922 00

Amount of taxes assessed, $2,260.10.

Rate per cent on $100, $1.56.

Invoice of the town, 1903, was as follows:

68 polls,	$6,800 00
85 horses,	4,972 00
13 oxen,	864 00
129 cows,	3,192 00
32 neat stock,	478 00
145 sheep,	368 00
2 carriages,	80 00
113,315 acres of real estate,	114,362 00
Money on deposit,	6,370 00
Stock in trade,	1,970 00
Bank stock,	110 00
Value of stock in corporations out of state,	526 00
Mills and machinery,	4,630 00
	$144,722 00

Amount raised 1903:	
State and county,	$517 33
Town charges,	300 00
Highways and bridges,	700 00
Schools,	400 00
Breaking roads,	200 00
Library,	21 00
Memorial Day,	15 00
	$2,153 33
Total amount levied for all purposes,	$2,260 10

RECEIPTS FOR 1903.

Cash in treasury Feb. 14, 1903,	$1,024 69
Uncollected taxes of 1901,	33 38
Taxes of 1903,	2,126 98
Bancroft cemetery trust fund,	100 00
Railroad tax,	4 52
Savings bank tax,	87 85
Literary fund,	24 78
Bounties on hedgehogs,	111 25
Mrs. Janet Kelley, sheep killed by dogs,	18 00
Dog license,	39 10
Congregational society, painting hall,	3 56
Fred A. Scott, taxes, 1902,	192 79
Interest, 1902,	3 53
	$3,770 43

ABATEMENTS.

Abatements to collector, 1901, 1903,	$3 88

DISBURSEMENTS.

State tax,	$242 25
County tax,	275 08
	$517 33

SUPPORT, SUPPLIES AND SALARIES OF SCHOOL OFFICERS.

J. E. Ruffle, school treasurer,	$472 38
J. E. Ruffle, salary school treasurer,	2 00
Mrs. W. P. Tolman, services on school board,	12 00
H. F. Priest, services on school board,	12 00
Mrs. Della Storey, services on school board,	7 00
	$505 38

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

H. F. Priest, agent, 1903,	$425 84
H. D. Taylor, agent, 1903,	259 93
W. S. Mansfield, agent 1902,	9 15
F. A. Scott, for L. Collins, labor on highway,	3 00
	$697 92

BREAKING ROADS.

H. F. Priest, road agent, 1903,	$70 71
H. D. Taylor, road agent, 1903,	14 20
J. H. Osgood, 1902,	4 95
Elbridge Worcester, 1902,	4 38
E. M. Towne, agent, 1902,	13 35
	$107 59

SUPPORT OF TOWN LIBRARY.

J. H. Osgood, trustee,	$21 00
Delia Osgood, librarian,	10 00
J. H. Osgood, printing catalogues,	20 00
	$51 00

TOWN NOTES.

T. W. Barker, interest and part of principal,	$330 00
Jessie M. Green, interest and part of principal,	105 00
	$435 00

TOWN OFFICERS.

W. C. Tolman, selectman,	$35 00
C. L. Towne, selectman,	22 00
H. O. Upton, selectman,	18 00
F. A. Scott, town clerk,	19 00
Harry R. Green, town clerk,	1 00
F. A. Scott, tax collector,	16 00
J. H. Osgood, tax collector,	14 00
T. W. Barker, treasurer,	10 00
T. W. Barker, overseer of poor,	2 00
J. H. Osgood, sexton,	20 50
A. W. Cram, police officer,	4 00
W. C. Tolman, supervisor,	4 00
Walter Barrett, supervisor,	3 00
O. C. Tolman, auditor,	2 00
Fred Fisher, election officer,	2 00
O. C. Tolman, election officer,	2 00
Fred M. Brown, election officer,	2 00
C. L. Towne, services at May election,	2 00
H. O. Upton, services at May election,	2 00
Fred Scott, services at May election,	2 00
	$182 50

MISCELLANEOUS.

Almon Holt, casket for Arvilla Holt,	$4 50
W. C. Tolman, casket for E. C. Tolman,	4 50
J. H. Osgood, casket for Mrs. Collins,	4 50
J. H. Osgood, casket for Mrs. Dixon,	4 50
Sentinel Printing Co., printing town reports,	20 50

Insurance on library,	5 00
H. F. Priest, repairs on scraper,	7 95
Keene High School, tuition for Cara Barker and Edith Osgood,	60 00
Susan E. Bryant, housing road machine,	2 00
J. E. Ruffle, labor on Melville cemetery lot,	7 00
Harvey Phillips, mowing cemetery,	4 00
Mason Sheldon, for sheep killed by dogs,	18 00
Dr. Hildreth, recording two births,	75
H. O. Upton, inspecting sheep killed by dogs,	2 00
W. C. Tolman, inspecting sheep killed by dogs,	2 00
Eastman & Hollis, counsel fee,	1 00
Cheshire Mills, ¾ cord of wood,	1 50
C. C. Osgood, drawing wood,	1 50
V. C. Atwood, Memorial Day,	15 00
	$166 20

BOUNTIES.

Bounties on hedgehogs,	$111 25

WORK IN CEMETERY.

H. F. Priest, labor,	$8 72
S. R. Martin, labor,	4 50
W. H. Stoddard, labor,	4 50
G. H. Henderson, labor,	4 50
Stone post,	1 00
Staples,	10
Nails,	25
Barbed wire, 78 lbs. at 3¼c,	2 54
Paint,	2 25
Brush,	25
Express,	10
Lumber,	2 10
	$30 81

RECAPITULATION.

State and county tax,	$517 33
Support of schools,	505 38
Highways and bridges,	697 92
Breaking roads, 1902, 1903,	107 59
Support of library,	51 00
Interest and part of principal of notes,	435 00
Town officers,	182 50
Miscellaneous,	166 20
Bounty on hedgehogs,	111 25
Labor in cemetery,	30 81
	$2,804 98
Total amount of receipts,	$3,770 43
Total amount of disbursements,	2,804 98
	$965 45

LIABILITIES.

T. W. Barker, note,	$300 00
Jessie M. Green, note,	100 00
Melville cemetery trust fund,	200 00
Bancroft cemetery trust fund,	100 00
Dog license,	39 10
Literary fund,	24 78
	$763 88

ASSETS.

Cash in treasury, Feb. 15, 1904,	$965 45
Money in hands of overseer of poor,	36 75

Uncollected taxes, 1903,	133 21
Due from collector, 1901,	27 60
Total assets,	$1,163 01
Liabilities,	763 88
Net assets.	$399 13

WILMER C. TOLMAN,
CHESTER L. TOWNE,
HORACE O. UPTON,
Selectmen of Nelson.

I hereby certify that I have examined the above report and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

ORSON C. TOLMAN,
Auditor.

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, March, 1903,	$1,024 69
Received of A. W. Holt, taxes, 1901,	33 38
Received of Fred A. Scott, taxes, 1902,	192 79
Received of Fred A. Scott, interest, 1902,	3 53
Received of Fred A. Scott, taxes, 1903,	1,106 30
Received of J. H. Osgood, taxes, 1903,	1,019 01
Received of J. H. Osgood, interest, 1903,	1 67
Received Bancroft fund,	100 00
Received of Fred A. Scott, dog license,	39 10
Received of Miss Kelly, damage to sheep by dogs,	18 00
Received of state, railroad tax,	4 52
Savings bank tax,	87 85
Literary fund,	24 78
Hedgehog bounty,	111 25
Received of labor on Society hall,	3 56
	$3,770 43

EXPENDITURES.

Paid by order of selectmen,	$2,804 98
Cash in treasury, Feb. 15, 1904,	965 45
	$3,770 43

THADDEUS W. BARKER,
Treasurer.

Feb. 15, 1904.

I hereby certify that I have examined the above report and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

ORSON C. TOLMAN,
Auditor.

REPORT OF OVERSEER OF POOR.

Cash on hand,	$38 75
Paid for keeping tramps,	2 00
Cash in treasury Feb. 15, 1904,	$36 75

THADDEUS W. BARKER,
Overseer of Poor.

Feb. 15, 1904.

I hereby certify that I have examined the above report and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

ORSON C. TOLMAN,
Auditor.

REPORT OF THE ROAD AGENT, 1903-4.

EXPENDITURES.

MAY, 1903.

Paid Carrol C. Osgood for labor,	$3 00
Edward Towne,	19 95
George Henderson,	2 55
Harry R. Green,	3 00
Leander Patrick,	10 05
George Hudson,	4 50
Fred Brown,	50
H. D. Taylor,	21 60
	$65 15

JUNE.

Paid Edward Towne,	$21 00
George Henderson,	9 75
Leander Patrick,	9 75
Henry Tarbox,	1 50
James R. Wilson,	19 95
George W. Robbins,	8 55
H. F. Priest,	3 00
Nelson Castor,	3 50
H. D. Taylor,	12 00
	$89 00

AUGUST.

Paid Knowlton & Stone, drain pipe,	$9 60
Thomas Hastings, for bridge plank,	12 16
H. D. Taylor, for labor,	4 60
	$26 36

SEPTEMBER.

Paid Henry Hale, for dynamite,	$1 87
Nelson Castor, for labor,	10 50
George Henderson,	10 50
C. C. Osgood,	3 00
H. D. Taylor, bridge plank,	1 20
H. D. Taylor, use of plow,	1 00
H. D. Taylor, oil and nails,	30
H. D. Taylor, for labor,	11 25
	$39 62

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER.

Paid John Collins, labor,	$1 50
George Robbins,	3 00
Leander Patrick,	7 50
Edwin Town,	6 00
George Henderson,	3 00
Henry Hale,	5 00
H. D. Taylor,	1 25
Chester Town,	50
W. A. Page, blacksmithing,	1 40
W. W. Dunn, freight,	1 95
Thomas Hastings, bridge plank,	5 70
	$39 80

PAID FOR BREAKING ROADS, 1903-1904.

Paid Frank Bridge,	$0 45
H. D. Taylor,	1 10
Geo. W. Robbins,	90
Edward Town,	1 20
Chester Towne,	5 95
Harry Wilson,	3 60
Henry D. Taylor,	1 00
	$14 20
Amount expended,	$274 13

RECEIPTS.

Received from the town treasurer, $274 13

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY D. TAYLOR,

Road Agent.

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ORSON C. TOLMAN,

Auditor.

REPORT OF HIGHWAY AGENT.

Dr.

To cash received from treasurer,	$425 84
To cash received from D. W. Barker,	50
To cash received from Cheshire Mills,	1 00
	$427 34

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MARCH.

H. F. Priest,	$8 00
S. R. Martin,	6 50
Geo. C. Henderson,	75

APRIL.

H. F. Priest,	$32 70
H. F. Priest, team,	4 25
E. N. Towne,	22 50
E. N. Towne and team,	20 00
W. H. Stoddard,	15 00
S. R. Martin,	23 53
Geo. C. Henderson,	10 20
James E. Ruffle,	2 70
James E. Ruffle,	2 70
Geo. N. Robbins,	4 50
C. C. Osgood,	9 00
C. C. Osgood, team,	10 50
D. Trombly,	6 00
W. P. Tolman,	1 20
Arthur Newcomb,	2 55

MAY.

H. F. Priest,	$21 50
H. F. Priest, team,	2 85
W. P. Tolman,	3 20
G. C. Henderson,	9 00
S. R. Martin,	12 75
E. N. Towne,	10 50
E. N. Towne, team,	10 50
W. H. Stoddard,	4 50
L. Patrick,	1 50

JUNE.

H. F. Priest,	$25 50
H. F. Priest, team,	1 87
S. R. Martin,	17 25
W. H. Stoddard,	12 00
C. C. Osgood, team,	2 25
Geo. C. Henderson,	7 50
E. N. Towne,	7 50
M. M. Bailey,	3 75
James E. Ruffle, team,	75

JULY.

H. F. Priest,	$4 75
S. R. Martin,	1 50
Arthur Newcomb,	38

AUGUST.

H. F. Priest,	$5 50
S. R. Martin,	1 50

SEPTEMBER.

H. F. Priest,	$3 50
H. F. Priest, team,	1 25

OCTOBER.

H. F. Priest,	$13 80
E. N. Towne,	6 00
Geo. N. Robbins,	3 00
Geo. C. Henderson,	1 50
E. G. Worcester,	1 50

MISCELLANEOUS.

W. C. Tolman, plank and stringers,	$26 11
C. C. Osgood, plank,	9 00
Cement and rakes,	4 20
Dynamite, fuse and caps,	1 75
H. D. Taylor, poles,	1 00
Spikes and nails,	85
Geo. W. Osgood, damage crossing mowing land,	1 50
W. C. Tolman, cutting brush,	1 50
	$427 34

HOMER F. PRIEST,
Road Agent.

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ORSON C. TOLMAN,
Auditor.

BREAKING ROADS, 1903—1904.

February, 1903.	
W. P. Tolman,	$1 80
John H. Osgood,	1 25
W. C. Tolman,	75
John Stevens,	1 35
March, 1903.	
H. F. Priest,	$0 80
W. H. Stoddard,	53
S. R. Martin,	60
January, 1904.	
H. F. Priest,	$10 60
E. Stannard,	60
A. Newcomb,	90
Percy A. Stevens,	2 18
L. Patrick,	1 35
Geo. N. Robbins,	90

E. N. Towns,	2 10
D. Trembley,	2 40
F. E. Upton,	90
W. F. Rowe,	90
W. P. Tolman,	2 10
John H. Osgood,	3 78
W. O. Upton,	2 40
Wilmer C. Tolman,	4 20
M. M. Bailey,	2 00
E. G. Worcester,	5 55
John Stevens,	68
W. H. Stoddard,	3 00
February, 1904.	
H. F. Priest,	$4 10
A. Newcomb,	45
Percy A. Stevens,	45
L. Patrick,	98
E. N. Towns,	1 20
D. Trombley,	1 05
W. O. Upton,	1 35
W. F. Rowe,	15
John H. Osgood,	1 95
W. C. Tolman,	1 80
E. G. Worcester,	1 65
John Stevens,	1 50
W. H. Stoddard,	46
	$70 71
To cash received from treasurer,	$70 71

HOMER F. PRIEST,
Road Agent.

SCHOOL REPORT.

Two schools, one at Munsonville and one at Nelson, have been supported in town the past year.

We have been fortunate in securing excellent teachers, the schools have been well taught and the progress in general school work has been good during the school year just closed.

The board wish to extend their sincere thanks for the support they have received from parents and friends.

Following is the usual statistical table, all of which is respectfully submitted.

SADIE F. TOLMAN,
HOMER F. PRIEST,
DELLA M. STORY,
School Board.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Spring term—William F. Barrett, Bernice A. Gibson, Ralph P. Gibson, Sidney J. Green, Karl C. Hale, Clara B. Page, Lawrence H. Hale, Blanche Murdough, Jessie Barrett, Bessie Priest, Elsie Priest, John Priest.

Fall term—Blanche Murdough, William Barrett, Bernice Gibson, Karl Hale, Bessie Priest, Elsie Priest, John Priest, Jessie Barrett, Leonard Stiles.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of school.	Name of Teacher.	Length of term in weeks.	No. of pupils.	Reading.	Spelling.	Penmanship.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	History.	Algebra.	Physiology.	Geometry.	Civil government	Composition.	Wages of teacher per month, including board.	Average daily attendance.	Roll of honor.	Tardiness.	Visitors.
	Spring Term.																			
1	Ada B. Ruffle	12	11	11	11	11	11	7	4	.....	1	.....	.....	1	11	$26.00	8	5	7	27
2	Bessie L. Barker	12	20	20	20	20	20	18	5	.....	.....	9	.....	5	20	28.00	17	8	2	68
	Fall Term.																			
1	Grace M. Tolman	11	6	6	6	6	6	5	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	26.00	8	2	2	18
2	Jennie H. Malmberg	11	23	23	23	23	23	10	4	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	23	30.00	17	2	121	25
	Winter Term.																			
1	Grace M. Tolman	6	7	7	7	7	7	5	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	7	26.00	6	3	3	3
2	Grace M. Barker	6	15	15	15	15	15	10	4	.....	.....	4	.....	5	15	28.00	11	2	9	8

SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT,

For the Year Ending Feb. 15, 1904.

Balance in school treasury, Feb. 14, 1903,	$26 63
Balance in town treasury, Feb. 14, 1903,	7 08
Appropriation,	400 00
Literary fund,	15 50
Dog licenses,	49 80
	$501 01

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid by order of school board:

H. F. Priest, labor,	$3 00
H. F. Priest, text books,	1 60
William Barrett, sawing wood and putting in shed, No. 2,	3 50
Mrs. Mabel Gibson, cleaning schoolroom, No. 2,	2 50
William Barrett, janitor, No. 2,	2 00
Ada B. Ruffle, janitor, No. 1,	2 40
Ada B. Ruffle, teaching 12 weeks, No. 1,	78 00
Bessie L. Barker, teaching 12 weeks, No. 2,	84 00
W. H. Spalter, text books and supplies,	14 52
Della M. Story, express, flag rope, etc., No. 2,	1 20
Mrs. Ethel Priest, cleaning schoolroom, No. 1,	1 50
Silver, Burdett & Co., text books,	3 25
Mrs. C. C. Priest, express and postage,	79
Jennie Malmburg, teaching 11 weeks, No. 2,	55 00
Mrs. William Story, boarding teacher, No. 2,	27 50

William Barrett, janitor, No. 2,	2 00
Grace M. Tolman, teaching 11 weeks, No. 1,	71 50
Bessie Priest, janitor, No. 1,	2 70
Grace M. Tolman, teaching 6 weeks, No. 1,	39 00
Grace M. Tolman, supplies,	45
Bessie Priest, janitor, No. 1,	1 20
H. F. Priest, drawing wood,	2 50
W. H. Spalter, supplies,	9 74
Grace M. Barker, teaching 6 weeks, No. 2,	42 00
Karl C. Hale, janitor, No. 2,	1 45
Karl C. Hale, wood and kindling, No. 2,	4 75
J. E. Ruffle, wood, No. 1,	8 75
Dona Trembley, wood, No. 2,	9 00
Harry R. Green, supplies,	1 46
Cash on hand, Feb. 15, 1904,	23 75
	$501 01

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES E. RUFFLE,
Treasurer.

I hereby certify that I have examined the above report and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

HARRY R. GREEN,
Auditor.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE

NELSON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Cash on hand, March 1, 1903,	$1 42
Received from town treasurer,	21 00
Received from fines and cards sold,	87
	$23 29
Expended for books,	22 02
Cash on hand, March 1, 1904,	$1 27
Number of volumes in library,	1,269
Number volumes purchased,	33
Number volumes added,	56
Number volumes issued,	847

The trustees wish to return thanks to Henry Melville, Esq., Mrs. S. G. Griffin and Mrs. Chas. Griffin for the gift of books. They have also procured catalogues of the library, according to the vote of the town.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. OSGOOD,
ELLEN J. TOLMAN,
HENRY D. TAYLOR,
Trustees.

VITAL STATISTICS.

To the Selectmen:

In compliance with an act of the legislature, passed June session, 1887, amended by the legislature of 1899, requiring "clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of the record of births, marriages and deaths to the municipal officers for publication in the Annual Report," I hereby submit the following:

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF NELSON, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1903.

Date of Birth.	Name of Child (if any).	Sex and Condition.			Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Age of Father.	Age of Mother.
		Male or Female.	Living or Stillborn.	No. of child 1st, 2d, etc.							
Jan. 18	Ethelyn Viola.	F	L	1	Willie L. Guillow.	Zaidie V. Bridge.	Mill hand.	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Sullivan.	22	20
" 28	Ralph George.	M	L	4	George S. Page.	Laura E. Dunn.	Farmer.	Perkinsville Vt.	New London, Ct.	39	35
June 21		F	L	3	Clarence S. Fisher.	Blanche Robinson.	Chairmaker.	Munsonville.	Gardner, Me.	32	23
July 10	Ruth Evelyn.	F	L	5	Henry H. Hale.	Eunice C Knowles.	Manufacturer.	Budtown, Tenn.	New Milford, Ct.	44	39
" 31	Eunice Maude.	F	L	3	Warren N. Vanbrocklin	Ella M. Stevens.	Laborer.	Pine, N. Y.	Stoddard.	40	36
Nov. 13	Douglas Wayne.	M	L	10	Charles L. Barrett.	Mary E. Graves.	Chairmaker.	Keene	Chesterfield.	45	42
Dec. 14		M	L	7	Homer F. Priest.	Ethel M. Martin.	Farmer.	New Hampshire.	Nova Scotia.	37	31

Marriages Registered in the Town of Nelson, N. H., for the Year ending Dec. 31, 1903.

Date of Marriage.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age in years.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Condition.*	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
Oct. 1	Sullivan.	Fred M. Murdough.	Nelson.	35	Farmer.	Hancock.	Sam'l C. Murdough Sarah B. Stacy.	Hillsborough. Stoddard.	2d	Rev. T. M. Patterson,
		Hattie C. Currier.	Sullivan.	20		Sullivan.	John Currier. Hannah C. Dunn.	Unity. Keene.	1st	Sullivan.
" 14	Nelson	Horace O. Upton.	Nelson.	25	Farmer.	Harrisville.	William O. Upton Sarah E. Yardley.	Stoddard. Harrisville.	1st	Rev. L. B. Tenney,
		Ada B. Ruffle.	"	23	Teacher.	Nelson.	James E. Ruffle. Electa Farwell.	Keene. Nelson.	1st	Nelson.

* Whether single or widowed. What marriage—whether 1st, 2d, etc.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Nelson, N. H., for the Year ending Dec. 31, 1903.

Date of Death	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Sex and Cond'n		Place of Birth.		Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
		Years.	Months.	Days.		Male or Female.	S., M., W.*	Father.	Mother.		
Feb. 25	Eben C. Tolman.	71	2	19	Nelson.	M	M	Nelson.	Tyngsborough.	Cyrus Tolman.	Lucy Abbott.
Apr. 22	Lydia H. Henderson.	50	6	6	Richford, Vt.	F	M			William Budd.	
June 12	Ursula Tarbox.	88	8	16	Stoddard.	F	W	Fitchburg, Ms.	Dunstable, Ms.	Sewell Page.	Rebecca Sheldon.
Aug. 4	Ellen Collins.	65			Ireland.	F	M	Ireland.	Ireland.	Morris Cavanaugh.	Ellen Cavanaugh.
Aug. 11	Eliza Dixon.	72	3	11	Ireland.	F	W	England.	England.	William Cowen.	

* Single, married or widowed.

I hereby certify that the foregoing transcript of births, marriages and deaths is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

HARRY R. GREEN,
Town Clerk.

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